

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY
OF
BUSINESS STATISTICS

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

| Month. | Sheep Districts. | | | | | Wheat Districts. | | | | Dairying Districts (Coastal only). | | | |
|---------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | N. | C. | S. | W. | T. | N. | C. | S. | T. | N. | C. | S. | T. |
| 1942. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September ... | 50 | 95 | 80 | 45 | 72 | 57 | 92 | 76 | 78 | 24 | 20 | 24 | 23 |
| October ... | 180 | 83 | 118 | 125 | 127 | 162 | 71 | 95 | 97 | 294 | 415 | 354 | 332 |
| November ... | 149 | 193 | 176 | 98 | 165 | 149 | 190 | 157 | 164 | 108 | 150 | 376 | 153 |
| December ... | 177 | 129 | 66 | 191 | 129 | 136 | 132 | 67 | 93 | 188 | 74 | 39 | 140 |
| 1943. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January ... | 135 | 124 | 171 | 108 | 141 | 157 | 115 | 144 | 138 | 64 | 104 | 68 | 75 |
| February ... | 36 | 56 | 49 | 90 | 52 | 44 | 60 | 56 | 55 | 81 | 24 | 34 | 60 |
| March ... | 13 | 13 | 22 | 5 | 15 | 10 | 12 | 21 | 17 | 44 | 53 | 24 | 44 |
| April ... | 144 | 111 | 157 | 89 | 133 | 156 | 127 | 156 | 148 | 54 | 39 | 38 | 48 |
| May ... | 82 | 192 | 128 | 49 | 124 | 112 | 176 | 94 | 118 | 153 | 283 | 384 | 216 |
| June ... | 63 | 49 | 48 | 36 | 51 | 66 | 55 | 50 | 53 | 25 | 19 | 34 | 25 |
| July ... | 53 | 58 | 87 | 71 | 67 | 58 | 63 | 96 | 83 | 4 | 12 | 5 | 6 |
| August ... | 105 | 96 | 120 | 82 | 105 | 88 | 103 | 106 | 103 | 112 | 224 | 231 | 156 |
| September ... | 110 | 118 | 120 | 115 | 116 | 111 | 125 | 123 | 122 | 124 | 144 | 120 | 128 |

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 546,273,000 lb. in 1939-40; 536,907,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42, and 497,538,000 lb.[†] in 1942-43.

The British Government has entered into a contract with the Commonwealth to purchase the wool clips of Australia for the duration of the war and one year thereafter. The agreed average price for seasons 1939-40 to 1941-42 was 10·75d. sterling or 13·4375d. Australian Currency, per lb. This price was increased to 12·3625d. sterling or 15·4531d. Australian Currency per lb., commencing with the 1942-43 clip.

| Month. | Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney. | | | | | | | |
|---------------|--|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | During Month. | | | | Total for Season to end of Month. | | | |
| | 1940-41. | 1941-42. | 1942-43. | 1943-44. | 1940-41. | 1941-42. | 1942-43. | 1943-44. |
| July ... | 86,083 | 80,397 | 67,442 | 83,715 | 86,083 | 80,397 | 67,442 | 83,715 |
| August ... | 217,280 | 191,662 | 128,260 | 105,532 | 303,363 | 272,059 | 195,702 | 189,247 |
| September ... | 276,849 | 269,889 | 180,883 | 158,065 | 580,212 | 541,948 | 376,585 | 347,312 |
| October ... | 290,271 | 288,766 | 195,950 | ..... | 870,483 | 830,714 | 572,535 | ..... |
| November ... | 168,119 | 166,462 | 159,518 | ..... | 1,038,592 | 997,176 | 732,953 | ..... |
| December ... | 46,775 | 63,866 | 88,943 | ..... | 1,085,367 | 1,061,042 | 820,996 | ..... |
| January ... | 17,462 | 24,821 | 37,213 | ..... | 1,102,829 | 1,085,863 | 858,209 | ..... |
| February ... | 28,676 | 31,461 | 30,274 | ..... | 1,131,505 | 1,117,324 | 888,483 | ..... |
| March ... | 34,609 | 29,000 | 44,208 | ..... | 1,166,114 | 1,140,324 | 932,691 | ..... |
| April ... | 37,414 | 43,583 | 40,835 | ..... | 1,203,528 | 1,189,907 | 973,526 | ..... |
| May ... | 38,423 | 36,173 | 41,491 | ..... | 1,241,951 | 1,226,080 | 1,015,017 | ..... |
| June ... | 29,758 | 37,597 | 56,745 | ..... | 1,271,709 | 1,263,677 | 1,071,762 | ..... |

[†] Excludes 14 million lb. of 1943-44 wool shorn early under zoning system.

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

| Season. | Area under Wheat. | | Yield of Grain. | |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | Total. | Harvested For Grain. | Total. | Average per Acre. |
| Average 1932-33 | | | | |
| to 1941-42 | | 4,665,000 | 4,303,000 | 55,308,000 |
| 1939-40 | | 4,681,000 | 4,381,000 | 76,552,000 |
| 1940-41 | | 4,866,000 | 4,454,000 | 23,933,000 |
| 1941-42 | | 4,342,000 | 3,969,000 | 48,500,000 |
| 1942-43 | | 3,386,000 | 3,033,000 | 51,693,000 |

A preliminary forecast by the Division of Marketing, Department of Agriculture, of the 1943-44 wheat yield is 39,000,000 bushels.

4. BUTTER.

The production of butter in factories in the eight months ended August, 1943, was 6 per cent. less than in the corresponding period last season.

Since November, 1939, the British Government has purchased under contract the exportable surplus of Australian butter. The contract price for choicest was 137s. 2½d. per cwt. f.o.b. Australian ports to July, 1942, and 142s. 10d. since that date. The wholesale price for local consumption was fixed at 158s. 8d. per cwt. on 8th June, 1938, and increased to 166s. 10d. on 6th March, 1942.

| Month. | Output of Butter—(New South Wales factories). | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| | Average, 1935 to 1937. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. |
| Thousand lb. | | | | | |
| Year ended 30th June ... | 121,085 | 112,020 | 103,683 | 85,116 | 93,775 |
| Eight months ended Aug. | 75,955 | 64,392 | 68,832 | 56,498 | 53,100 |
| January ... | 15,054 | 12,629 | 14,453 | 6,664 | 13,044 |
| March ... | 13,972 | 9,562 | 11,743 | 10,116 | 8,648 |
| April ... | 10,944 | 9,165 | 8,682 | 8,642 | 6,129 |
| May ... | 7,670 | 7,286 | 6,756 | 6,789 | 4,789 |
| June ... | 5,233 | 5,058 | 5,183 | 5,467 | 3,679 |
| July ... | 4,575 | 5,047 | 4,592 | 5,163 | 3,313 |
| August ... | 5,088 | 5,042 | 4,638 | 5,346 | 3,279 |

5. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Tabulations embracing monthly returns from 42 large factories show the following results, which afford some indication of trends in the manufacturing industry:—

| Month. | Factory Sales. | | | | Employees. | | | | Weekly Salaries and Wages. | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. |
| Thousand £. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January ... | 3,212 | 3,465 | 4,519 | 5,808 | 235 | 257 | 282 | 275 | 1,004 | 1,124 | 1,459 | 1,563 |
| February ... | 3,468 | 4,074 | 4,768 | 4,799 | 239 | 267 | 282 | 272 | 1,015 | 1,218 | 1,484 | 1,546 |
| March ... | 3,562 | 4,196 | 5,097 | 5,451 | 239 | 272 | 280 | 270 | 1,024 | 1,246 | 1,477 | 1,534 |
| April ... | 3,581 | 4,011 | 4,904 | 5,424 | 232 | 272 | 278 | 271 | 973 | 1,194 | 1,513 | 1,561 |
| May ... | 3,498 | 4,300 | 4,925 | 5,696 | 231 | 276 | 278 | 269 | 964 | 1,302 | 1,517 | 1,517 |
| June ... | 3,083 | 4,017 | 5,077 | 5,632 | 236 | 280 | 277 | 269 | 1,033 | 1,292 | 1,564 | 1,544 |
| July ... | 3,512 | 4,638 | 5,410 | 5,520 | 241 | 284 | 277 | 268 | 1,072 | 1,353 | 1,531 | 1,514 |
| August ... | 3,520 | 4,264 | 5,003 | 5,503 | 243 | 283 | 277 | 266 | 1,069 | 1,380 | 1,532 | 1,533 |
| September ... | 3,634 | 4,746 | 5,352 | ... | 248 | 269 | 277 | ... | 1,088 | 1,365 | 1,564 | ... |
| October ... | 3,969 | 4,994 | 5,420 | ... | 252 | 285 | 280 | ... | 1,114 | 1,428 | 1,576 | ... |
| November ... | 3,911 | 4,729 | 5,826 | ... | 257 | 289 | 280 | ... | 1,145 | 1,467 | 1,603 | ... |
| December ... | 4,147 | 5,398 | 5,853 | ... | 258 | 288 | 279 | ... | 1,177 | 1,555 | 1,583 | ... |
| Average (January– December) | 3,591 | 4,403 | 5,180 | ... | 243 | 277 | 279 | ... | 1,056 | 1,327 | 1,534 | ... |

Further particulars of employment in factories are shown in Table 20.

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6. BUILDING INDUSTRY.

(a) SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

| Year. | Month of September. | | | | September Quarter. | | |
|----------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| | Sydney and Suburbs. | City of Sydney. | Suburbs of Sydney. | | Industrial and Rural Towns. | | Total, New South Wales.* |
| | Total New Buildings and Additions. | New Buildings and Additions. | New Buildings. | | No. of Permits. | Value. | New Buildings and Additions. |
| 1941 ... | £ 926,695 | £ 73,587 | 663 | 739,016 | 963 | £ 850,510 | 4,595,571 |
| 1942 ... | 129,700 | 18,181 | 12 | 24,100 | 75 | 23,708 | 375,828 |
| 1943 ... | 107,509 | 15,286 | 11 | 8,390 | 74† | 35,338† | 561,113† |

* Metropolis, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 rural and industrial towns; other areas not recorded. † Subject to revision.

(b) CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING.

The following dissection of private building permits granted in Sydney and Suburbs and in 129 Industrial and Rural Towns in N.S.W. shows the total value for each of the principal classes of building:—

| Period. | Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions. | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------|------------|--|---|--------|
| | Houses. | | Flats. (a) | Factories. | Shops (b) and Public Garages. | Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.). | Total. |
| | Brick. | Wood, Fibro, etc. | | | | | |
| Sydney and Suburbs. | | | | | | | |
| Month of September— | | | | | | | |
| 1941 | 518 | 85 | 139 | 132 | 7 | 46 | 927 |
| 1942 | 4 | 3 | ... | 106 | 5 | 12 | 130 |
| 1943 | 3 | 4 | ... | 46 | 1 | 54 | 108 |
| Nine months ended 30th September— | | | | | | | |
| 1941 | 4,554 | 740 | 1,868 | 900 | 180 | 489 | 8,731 |
| 1942 | 155 | 63 | 21 | 604 | 17 | 150 | 1,010 |
| 1943 | 27 | 35 | 5 | 815 | 9 | 205 | 1,096 |
| September Quarter— | | | | | | | |
| 1942 | 6 | 25 | ... | 11 | 2 | 20 | 64 |
| 1943† | 4 | 29 | ... | 36 | 2 | 38 | 109 |
| Nine months ended 30th September— | | | | | | | |
| 1942 | 132 | 350 | 13 | 68 | 20 | 116 | 699 |
| 1943† | 14 | 89 | 2 | 75 | 16 | 101 | 297 |

Includes (a) conversions to flats; (b) shops with dwellings attached. † Subject to revision.

(c) GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

In addition to totals for private building shown above, values of contracts accepted for the erection of buildings on behalf of Governments and semi-Governmental authorities in New South Wales were as follow:—

| Area. | Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental). | | | |
|----------------------------|--|-------|------------------------------|---------|
| | Month of September. | | Nine months ended 30th Sept. | |
| | 1942. | 1943. | 1942. | 1943. |
| Sydney and Suburbs ... | £ 88 | £ 40 | £ 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ | £ 2,385 |
| Remainder of State ... | 345 | 60 | 2,68 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1,088 |
| Total, New South Wales ... | 433 | 100 | 3,503 | 3,473 |

Note—Temporary structures for protection against Air Raids and alterations for this purpose are, in general, excluded.

SECTION B.—TRADE.

7. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

| Period. | 1937. | 1938. | 1939. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Million £s. | | | | | | | |
| Year ended 31st December ... | 191.83 | 192.97 | 200.29 | 202.79 | 229.03 | 238.65 | ..... |
| January ... | 13.74 | 14.21 | 13.24 | 16.33 | 15.83 | 18.69 | 17.18 |
| February ... | 14.64 | 15.73 | 16.54 | 14.64 | 17.48 | 19.39 | 21.60 |
| March ... | 15.43 | 15.79 | 15.78 | 16.97 | 17.40 | 19.53 | 19.44 |
| April ... | 16.45 | 16.83 | 15.79 | 17.88 | 19.06 | 19.19 | 21.88 |
| May ... | 16.50 | 16.87 | 17.46 | 14.85 | 18.75 | 20.72 | 19.56 |
| June ... | 14.98 | 14.98 | 14.88 | 17.07 | 21.76 | 18.93 | 20.92 |
| July ... | 16.55 | 16.23 | 15.28 | 16.74 | 17.63 | 19.17 | 19.81 |
| August ... | 16.27 | 15.29 | 16.81 | 17.17 | 20.41 | 20.86 | 18.75 |
| September ... | 16.28 | 17.45 | 19.44 | 17.48 | 21.60 | 19.59 | ..... |
| October ... | 16.47 | 15.66 | 19.22 | 18.50 | 18.25 | 22.06 | ..... |
| November ... | 17.35 | 16.93 | 17.53 | 18.13 | 20.58 | 19.54 | ..... |
| December ... | 17.17 | 17.00 | 18.32 | 17.03 | 20.28 | 20.98 | ..... |

8. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

| Period. | Number of Business Days in Period. | | Net Sales (Value). | Value of Stock. | Wages and Salaries Paid. | Number of Employees. | Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown. | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | Previous Year. | Current Year. | | | | | Net Sales (Value). | Wages and Salaries Paid. |
| Year ended December— | | | | | | | | |
| 1936 ... | 303 | 304 | + 6.2 | + 4.7 | + 6.4 | + 4.9 | | |
| 1937 ... | 304 | 303 | + 7.7 | + 4.8 | + 10.5 | + 3.7 | | |
| 1938 ... | 303 | 303 | + 4.8 | + 5.2 | + 11.6 | + 5.0 | | |
| 1939 ... | 303 | 303 | + 2.4 | + 2.0 | + 2.6 | + 0.9 | | |
| 1940 ... | 303 | 305 | + 6.3 | + 17.0 | + 4.0 | + 1.0 | | |
| 1941 ... | 305 | 304 | + 14.6 | + 8.0 | + 9.0 | + 1.0 | | |
| 1942 ... | 304 | 304 | - 5.3 | + 9.2 | - 5.1 | - 8.4 | | |
| 1942. | | | | | | | | |
| August ... | 26* | 26 | + 5.7 | + 13.4 | - 8.5 | - 12.5 | - 10.2 | - 7.5 |
| September ... | 26 | 26 | - 7.0 | + 5.9 | - 9.5 | - 13.3 | - 6.0 | - 10.0 |
| October ... | 26* | 26 | - 17.3 | + 2.1 | - 13.0 | - 15.1 | - 6.6 | - 10.4 |
| November ... | 25 | 25 | - 16.3 | - 1.2 | - 14.4 | - 18.9 | - 13.7 | - 12.4 |
| December ... | 25 | 24 | - 23.1 | + 1.5 | - 18.7 | - 24.5 | - 19.3 | - 15.5 |
| 1943. | | | | | | | | |
| January ... | 25 | 25 | - 15.3 | + 6.0 | - 14.7 | - 19.8 | - 18.9 | - 16.1 |
| February ... | 24 | 24 | - 27.5 | + 2.2 | - 17.9 | - 23.0 | - 22.2 | - 17.2 |
| March ... | 26 | 27 | - 14.1 | - 2.4 | - 9.4 | - 19.5 | - 18.8 | - 13.9 |
| April ... | 23 | 23 | - 16.0 | - 2.3 | - 16.0 | - 20.0 | - 18.7 | - 14.4 |
| May ... | 26 | 26 | + 0.8 | - 11.1 | - 11.1 | - 19.7 | - 9.8 | - 12.2 |
| June ... | 25 | 26 | - 1.3 | - 10.2 | - 7.6 | - 15.7 | - 6.0 | - 11.7 |
| July ... | 27 | 27 | - 25.5 | - 7.7 | - 8.3 | - 14.7 | - 8.2 | - 9.0 |
| August ... | 26 | 26 | - 20.7 | - 11.4 | - 7.0 | - 15.0 | - 16.2 | - 7.6 |

* Includes five late shopping nights.

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 20.

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SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

9. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

| | Month of August. | | | Two months ended 31st August. | | |
|----------|------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Gross Revenue. | Working Expenses.* | Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses. | Gross Revenue. | Working Expenses.* | Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses. |
| 1941 ... | £ 2,075,299 | £ 1,419,048 | £ 656,251 | £ 4,122,801 | £ 2,843,670 | £ 1,279,131 |
| 1942 ... | 2,851,143 | 1,630,148 | 1,220,995 | 5,576,791 | 3,247,590 | 2,329,201 |
| 1943 ... | 3,073,783 | 1,912,339 | 1,161,444 | 6,025,948 | 3,886,396 | 2,139,552 |

* Excluding capital charges, viz. interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £6,754,000 in 1942-43.

| | Month of August. | | Two months ended 31st. August. | |
|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Tonnage of Goods and Livestock. | Passenger Journeys. | Tonnage of Goods and Livestock. | Passenger Journeys. |
| | thousands. | thousands. | thousands. | thousands. |
| 1941 | 1,312 | 17,554 | 2,772 | 34,326 |
| 1942 | 1,701* | 19,924 | 3,360* | 38,176 |
| 1943 | 1,769* | 20,700 | 3,504* | 40,409 |

* Partly estimated.

10. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

| PERIOD. | SYDNEY AND SUBURBS. | | | NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS. | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------|
| | Earnings. | Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.* | Passengers carried.† | Earnings. | Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.* | Passengers carried. |
| Month of August— | £ | £ | thousands. | £ | £ | thousands. |
| 1941 | 392,174 | 63,475 | 35,158 | 32,187 | 6,846 | 2,480 |
| 1942 | 422,868 | 39,323 | 37,473 | 41,596 | 7,765 | 3,214 |
| 1943 | 425,800 | 21,900 | 39,570 | 42,160 | 9,810 | 3,365 |
| Two months ended 31st August— | | | | | | |
| 1941 | 788,475 | 123,402 | 70,803 | 63,882 | 14,053 | 4,921 |
| 1942 | 835,267 | 80,200 | 74,024 | 82,504 | 16,707 | 6,386 |
| 1943 | 838,020 | 47,810 | 77,078 | 83,220 | 12,400 | 6,653 |

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation which amounted to £569,000 in 1942-43.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

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11. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

| Class. | 1939. 31st August. | 1942. | | | 1943. | | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | | 30th June. | 30th September. | 31st December. | 31st March. | 30th June. | 31st August. | 30th September. |
| Cars | 216,633 | 169,916 | 170,267 | 172,028 | 172,805 | 173,188 | 173,733 | 174,186 |
| Lorries and Vans | 77,639 | 71,248 | 70,771 | 71,276 | 71,411 | 72,159 | 72,862 | 73,245 |
| Trailers | 6,538 | 6,965 | 6,926 | 6,818 | 6,784 | 6,873 | 7,009 | 7,050 |
| Tractors† | 1,102 | 1,366 | 1,362 | 1,375 | 1,389 | 1,382 | 1,405 | 1,409 |
| Cycles—Solo | 17,111 | 10,538 | 10,235 | 10,120 | 9,805 | 9,641 | 9,589 | 9,728 |
| Cycles—Side-car | 6,884 | 4,785 | 4,759 | 4,702 | 4,590 | 4,523 | 4,510 | 4,399 |
| Omnibuses | 794 | 890 | 894 | 901 | 913 | 913 | 921 | 903 |
| Taxi-cabs | 1,331 | 1,352 | 1,352 | 1,359 | 1,349 | 1,349 | 1,348 | 1,346 |
| Traders' Plates | 1,187 | 708 | 711 | 649 | 590 | 610 | 616 | 623 |
| Total | 329,219 | 267,768 | 267,277 | 269,219 | 269,636 | 270,638 | 271,993 | 272,893 |

† Excluding tractors used on farms only.

Average Weekly Number of New Vehicles Registered.*

| Year. | Cars (Including Cabs and Omnibuses). | | | | | | Lorries and Vans. | | | | | |
|-------|--------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------------------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| | April | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. | April | May. | June. | July. | Aug. | Sept. |
| 1939 | 393 | 417 | 376 | 305 | 322 | 270 | 130 | 151 | 141 | 133 | 146 | 126 |
| 1940 | 243 | 176 | 115 | 63 | 88 | 118 | 114 | 103 | 70 | 60 | 53 | 63 |
| 1941 | 121 | 89 | 40 | 20 | 21 | 32 | 47 | 46 | 40 | 43 | 45 | 41 |
| 1942 | 20 | 21 | 29 | 17 | 19 | 16 | 24 | 16 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 7 |
| 1943 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 40 | 45 | 60 | 55 | 60 |

* Excluding trailers.

12. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

(Excluding Experimental Licenses.)

| End of Month. | 1939. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. | No. |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|-----|
| | | | | | | No. |
| January | 423,649 | 444,522 | 485,854 | 503,346 | 527,733* | |
| March | 427,964 | 447,310 | 491,816 | 502,810 | 536,795* | |
| May | 431,149 | 455,162 | 495,238 | 500,565 | 543,419* | |
| June | 433,029 | 458,155 | 494,884 | 500,451 | 552,044* | |
| July | 433,972 | 474,228 | 494,904 | 506,566* | 546,856* | |
| August | 431,029 | 475,761 | 498,073 | 508,292* | 549,939 | |
| September | 432,795 | 479,485 | 500,125 | 509,332* | 554,227 | |

* Revised.

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

13. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).†

| As at June 30th. | Amount of Deposits. † | End of Month. | Amount of Deposits. | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. |
| 1932 | £ 71,647,869 | January | £ 85,571,744 | £ 92,972,902 | £ 109,220,389 |
| 1933 | 72,307,685 | February | 86,134,543 | 90,647,910 | 112,817,955 |
| 1934 | 75,714,070 | March | 86,737,258 | 89,458,641 | 115,641,889 |
| 1935 | 77,906,402 | April | 86,982,416 | 91,110,603 | 115,500,011 |
| 1936 | 79,999,948 | May | 86,096,065 | 92,925,282 | 118,016,266 |
| 1937 | 81,952,399 | June† | 87,750,208 | 94,537,937 | 122,405,481 |
| 1938 | 86,015,685 | July | 88,522,314 | 97,330,938 | 126,688,719 |
| 1939 | 87,473,789 | August | 89,717,346 | 99,727,345 | 130,518,639 |
| 1940 | 82,110,900 | September | 90,734,775 | 101,385,379 | 134,162,891 |
| 1941 | 87,750,208 | October | 91,313,614 | 103,583,441 | ... |
| 1942 | 94,537,937 | November | 91,499,345 | 104,929,899 | ... |
| 1943 | 122,405,481 | December | 91,657,997 | 105,744,876 | ... |

† Including accrued interest.

‡ Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES : The net amount received from sales of certificates less re-purchases in New South Wales totalled £13,151,555 as at 30th September, 1943, including £216,085 net receipts in September.

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14. TRADING BANKS*—DEPOSITS, ETC., IN AUSTRALIA.

| September Quarter. | Deposits. | Cash in Aust. [†] | Treasury Bills. | Govt. and Municipal Securities. | Special Wartime Deposits with Comw'th Bank. | Advances. |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1940 ... | £000 347,493 | £000 39,959 | £000 34,210 | £000 43,746 | £000 ... | £000 286,637 |
| 1941 ... | 363,867 | 38,925 | 33,999 | 61,752 | ... | 281,958 |
| 1942 ... | 392,295 | 46,323 | 40,140 | 56,580 | 38,238 | 264,110 |
| 1943 ... | 465,327 | 38,230 | 55,000 | 76,056 | 106,234 | 244,746 |

* Nine Private Banks.

† Exclusive of London Funds.

15. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government deposits and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

| September Quarter. | Deposits. | | | Advances. | Excess of Deposits over Advances. |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Not Bearing Interest (Current). | Bearing Interest (Fixed). | Total. | | |
| 1940 ... | £000 62,338 | £000 65,025 | £000 127,363 | £000 119,228 | £000 8,135 |
| 1941 ... | 71,129 | 64,851 | 135,980 | 114,936 | 21,044 |
| 1942 ... | 80,865 | 62,749 | 143,614 | 107,735 | 35,879 |
| 1943 ... | 103,298 | 67,510 | 170,808 | 94,124 | 76,684 |

16. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

| Month. | 1937. | 1938. | 1939. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. | 1937. | 1938. | 1939. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. |
|---------------|------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Amount—Million £ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January ... | 76.7 | 67.5 | 66.5 | 82.7 | 90.3 | 92.0 | 106.7 | 101 | 97 | 98 | 110 | 117 | 123 | 136 |
| February ... | 77.4 | 75.6 | 75.5 | 88.9 | 82.0 | 97.1 | 105.7 | 101 | 96 | 96 | 110 | 114 | 123 | 139 |
| March ... | 77.2 | 82.6 | 80.5 | 87.8 | 89.4 | 102.6 | 123.4 | 98 | 95 | 93 | 107 | 110 | 119 | 138 |
| April ... | 80.6 | 75.7 | 70.7 | 84.3 | 86.9 | 95.4 | 125.3 | 103 | 102 | 98 | 111 | 111 | 125 | 150 |
| May ... | 76.1 | 82.9 | 82.0 | 90.2 | 106.3 | 98.9 | 123.0 | 100 | 103 | 100 | 111 | 117 | 125 | 155 |
| June ... | 79.2 | 86.8 | 80.3 | 94.5 | 97.4 | 116.6 | 132.6 | 103 | 106 | 101 | 115 | 123 | 133 | 163 |
| July ... | 75.0 | 70.5 | 71.2 | 94.6 | 98.9 | 99.7 | 114.3 | 97 | 101 | 98 | 116 | 125 | 130 | 155 |
| August ... | 70.0 | 72.9 | 74.9 | 83.6 | 87.0 | 99.0 | 122.7 | 98 | 101 | 99 | 118 | 123 | 135 | 160 |
| September ... | 79.8 | 77.6 | 74.9 | 84.5 | 94.9 | 105.6 | 116.4 | 101 | 99 | 99 | 117 | 124 | 134 | 155 |
| October ... | 80.1 | 79.5 | 78.0 | 90.1 | 101.8 | 115.0 | ... | 101 | 101 | 100 | 113 | 123 | 138 | ... |
| November ... | 81.3 | 82.7 | 86.1 | 93.5 | 99.6 | 105.0 | ... | 103 | 102 | 102 | 114 | 124 | 135 | ... |
| December ... | 83.9 | 88.1 | 91.7 | 100.1 | 104.9 | 121.6 | ... | 101 | 102 | 106 | 115 | 124 | 136 | ... |
| Year ... | 937.3 | 942.4 | 932.3 | 1074.8 | 1139.4 | 1248.5 | ... | 101 | 101 | 100 | 113 | 120 | 131 | ... |

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

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17. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

| Period. | Private First Mortgages Registered. Weighted Average Rate of Interest.* | | Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax— | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930. | | | | | | At Current Rates. | |
| | Urban Securities. | Rural Securities. | Short- dated. | Medium- dated. | Long- dated. | Short- dated, 2 years. | Long- dated, 12 years. | |
| Average for year— | | | Under 5 years. | 5 to 10 years. | 10 years and over. | | | |
| 1937 | 5·3 | 5·0 | 3·44 | 3·75 | 3·84 | ... | ... | |
| 1938 | 5·4 | 5·0 | 3·38 | 3·71 | 3·73 | ... | ... | |
| 1939 | 5·6 | 5·2 | 3·84 | 3·87 | 3·92 | ... | ... | |
| 1940 | 5·6 | 5·1 | 3·14 | 3·25 | 3·30 | ... | ... | |
| 1941 | 5·6 | 4·9 | 2·45 | 2·95 | 3·10 | ... | ... | |
| 1941 | 5·5 | 4·9 | 2·42 | 2·87 | 3·13 | 2·47 | 3·23 | |
| 1942 | 5·4 | 4·9 | 2·39 | 2·89 | 3·11 | 2·45 | 3·24 | |
| Months— | | | 2 years. | 7 years. | 12 years. | | | |
| 1943—January | 5·2 | 4·6 | 2·69 | 2·76 | 2·98 | 2·47 | 3·22 | |
| March | 5·1 | 4·8 | 2·39 | 2·70 | 2·93 | 2·47 | 3·23 | |
| May | 5·1 | 4·8 | 2·37 | 2·74 | 2·93 | 2·49 | 3·24 | |
| June | 5·1 | 4·8 | 2·37 | 2·75 | 2·95 | 2·48 | 3·24 | |
| July | 5·1 | 4·8 | 2·35 | 2·69 | 2·92 | 2·47 | 3·23 | |
| August | 5·1 | 4·6 | 2·35 | 2·61 | 2·87 | 2·47 | 3·23 | |
| September | 5·0 | 4·5 | 2·38 | 2·69 | 2·94 | 2·47 | 3·23 | |

* Average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

18. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

| Month. | Consideration of Sales. | | | | | Amount of Mortgages.* | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-----------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| | 1939. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. | 1939.† | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. |
| | Thousand £. | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2,449 | 1,884 | 2,383 | 2,815 | 1,226 | 1,591 | 1,480 | 1,148 | 916 | 595 |
| February | 2,438 | 2,524 | 2,557 | 2,472 | 1,294 | 1,841 | 1,428 | 1,329 | 975 | 390 |
| March | 3,623 | 2,464 | 2,677 | 2,083 | 1,550 | 2,225 | 1,686 | 1,320 | 996 | 503 |
| April | 2,245 | 2,392 | 2,574 | 2,276 | 1,517 | 2,025 | 1,560 | 1,305 | 891 | 536 |
| May | 3,090 | 2,908 | 2,835 | 1,154 | 1,185 | 2,112 | 1,449 | 1,324 | 526 | 381 |
| June | 2,613 | 2,464 | 3,029 | 1,266 | 1,358 | 1,658 | 1,305 | 1,273 | 599 | 400 |
| July | 2,919 | 3,217 | 3,165 | 1,540 | 1,783 | 1,956 | 1,748 | 1,470 | 622 | 399 |
| August | 3,068 | 2,259 | 2,545 | 1,671 | 1,379 | 2,770 | 1,099 | 1,213 | 451 | 450 |
| September | 2,934 | 3,149 | 2,941 | 1,616 | 1,551 | 1,501 | 1,240 | 1,571 | 516 | 432 |
| October | 2,330 | 2,885 | 3,013 | 1,514 | ... | 1,713 | 1,144 | 1,413 | 423 | ... |
| November | 2,381 | 2,430 | 2,548 | 1,942 | ... | 1,702 | 1,259 | 1,022 | 530 | ... |
| December | 2,067 | 2,477 | 2,972 | 1,260 | ... | 1,344 | 1,099 | 1,242 | 562 | ... |
| Year | 32,157 | 31,053 | 33,239 | 21,609 | ... | 22,444 | 16,497 | 15,630 | 8,007 | ... |

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

† Approximate.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

19. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

| | Month of September. | | | Nine months ended 30th September. | | |
|------------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Crops. | Wool.* | Livestock.* | Crops. | Wool.* | Livestock.* |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 1941 | 72,507 | 130,629 | 45,222 | 1,915,176 | 2,250,418 | 930,997 |
| 1942 | 78,920 | 98,768 | 48,510 | 1,570,171 | 1,933,578 | 568,921 |
| 1943 | 53,286 | 53,815 | 78,559 | 1,287,010 | 1,496,236 | 612,738 |

See note under Table 18. * Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

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SECTION E.—GENERAL.

20. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

The table shown below has been compiled from returns made by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax, which came into operation in July, 1941, and comparative figures for June, 1933, and July, 1939, have been inserted where possible.

| Month. | Estimated Total Employment. (a) (Excluding Rural and Household Domestic.) | | | Pay-roll Tax Returns—Employees recorded on last pay-roll of month by— | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|--------|--|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | Govern- ment (Common- wealth, State, Local and Allied). | Private Employers. | Total. | Total Employees in Factories. | Employers whose principal activity was— | | | | |
| | | | | | (b) | Mining and Quarrying. | Building and Con- struction. | Trans- port. | Retail Trade. |
| MALES. (Thousands.) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1933—June | 103·2 | 275·7 | 378·0 | 94·5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1939—July | 136·5 | 399·1 | 535·6 | 158·8 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1941—July | 141·5 | 419·5 | 561·0 | 202·1 | 21·7 | 20·5 | 77·7 | 31·9 | 50·5 |
| Nov. | 144·3 | 425·1 | 569·4 | 210·5 | 21·7 | 19·3 | 81·4 | 32·1 | 51·6 |
| 1942—July | 158·6 | 384·3 | 542·9 | 211·4 | 21·2 | 17·2 | 85·1 | 24·9 | 42·6 |
| Aug. | 158·4 | 383·0 | 541·4 | 211·6 | 21·2 | 16·5 | 85·2 | 24·4 | 41·9 |
| Sept. | 157·1 | 381·9 | 539·0 | 211·9 | 21·1 | 15·5 | 85·1 | 24·0 | 42·6 |
| Oct. | 157·4 | 379·8 | 537·2 | 211·5 | 21·2 | 15·5 | 85·1 | 23·6 | 42·2 |
| Nov. | 156·7 | 379·2 | 535·9 | 212·4 | 21·1 | 15·6 | 84·8 | 23·5 | 42·0 |
| Dec. | 154·5 | 379·4 | 533·9 | 212·4 | 20·7 | 15·4 | 84·7 | 24·6 | 41·3 |
| 1943—Jan. | 155·6 | 379·4 | 535·0 | 214·5 | 20·8 | 15·9 | 84·8 | 23·3 | 41·2 |
| Feb. | 156·7 | 379·5 | 536·2 | 214·3 | 20·5 | 17·1 | 85·0 | 23·0 | 41·3 |
| Mar. | 156·2 | 378·0 | 534·9 | 215·5 | 20·5 | 17·0 | 84·7 | 22·6 | 40·1 |
| Apr. | 156·6 | 374·9 | 531·5 | 215·4 | 19·7 | 16·7 | 84·9 | 22·5 | 39·1 |
| May | 156·5 | 375·5 | 532·0 | 216·2 | 20·8 | 16·7 | 84·7 | 22·3 | 38·8 |
| June | 155·8 | 375·7 | 531·5 | 216·3 | 21·0 | 16·6 | 84·9 | 22·3 | 38·7 |
| July | 156·6 | 372·0 | 528·6 | 214·8 | 20·9 | 15·9 | 85·0 | 22·2 | 38·4 |
| Aug. | 155·9 | 372·9 | 528·8 | 214·9 | 20·9 | 16·4 | 85·0 | 22·0 | 38·9 |
| FEMALES. (Thousands.) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1933—June | 16·8 | 101·8 | 118·6 | 36·3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1939—July | 19·4 | 141·3 | 160·7 | 59·3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1941—July | 21·7 | 186·8 | 208·7 | 76·0 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 3·2 | 31·8 | 19·8 |
| Nov. | 23·0 | 194·8 | 217·8 | 80·7 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 3·6 | 33·8 | 21·6 |
| 1942—July | 29·3 | 197·0 | 226·3 | 83·8 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 4·1 | 32·1 | 22·8 |
| Aug. | 30·0 | 197·4 | 227·4 | 84·4 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 4·2 | 31·9 | 23·1 |
| Sept. | 31·3 | 196·9 | 228·2 | 85·4 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 4·2 | 31·6 | 23·3 |
| Oct. | 32·9 | 199·3 | 232·2 | 87·3 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 4·4 | 31·8 | 23·2 |
| Nov. | 33·9 | 200·5 | 234·4 | 88·4 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 4·6 | 32·2 | 23·3 |
| Dec. | 35·1 | 201·2 | 236·3 | 89·0 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 4·9 | 32·9 | 23·1 |
| 1943—Jan. | 36·4 | 199·8 | 236·2 | 89·0 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 5·2 | 31·5 | 23·3 |
| Feb. | 37·2 | 200·5 | 237·7 | 90·4 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 5·4 | 30·9 | 23·5 |
| Mar. | 38·7 | 201·2 | 239·0 | 92·1 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 5·5 | 30·8 | 23·0 |
| Apr. | 39·8 | 200·8 | 240·6 | 92·4 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 5·6 | 30·5 | 23·2 |
| May | 41·0 | 200·2 | 241·2 | 93·1 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 5·7 | 30·2 | 22·9 |
| June | 42·9 | 200·5 | 243·4 | 93·8 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 5·8 | 30·3 | 22·8 |
| July | 45·8 | 199·7 | 245·5 | 93·8 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 5·8 | 29·8 | 22·6 |
| Aug. | 46·5 | 200·4 | 246·9 | 94·5 | 0·2 | 0·5 | 5·9 | 29·5 | 22·9 |
| TOTAL. (Thousands.) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1933—June | 120·0 | 377·5 | 497·5 | 130·8 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1939—July | 155·9 | 540·4 | 696·3 | 218·1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1941—July | 163·2 | 606·3 | 769·5 | 278·1 | 21·9 | 21·0 | 80·9 | 63·7 | 70·3 |
| Nov. | 167·3 | 619·9 | 787·2 | 291·2 | 21·9 | 19·8 | 85·0 | 65·9 | 73·2 |
| 1942—July | 187·9 | 581·3 | 769·2 | 295·2 | 21·4 | 17·7 | 89·2 | 57·0 | 65·4 |
| Aug. | 188·4 | 580·4 | 768·8 | 296·0 | 21·4 | 17·0 | 89·4 | 56·3 | 65·0 |
| Sept. | 188·4 | 578·8 | 767·2 | 297·3 | 21·3 | 16·0 | 89·3 | 55·6 | 65·9 |
| Oct. | 190·3 | 579·1 | 769·4 | 298·8 | 21·4 | 16·0 | 89·5 | 55·4 | 65·4 |
| Nov. | 190·6 | 579·7 | 770·3 | 300·8 | 21·3 | 16·1 | 89·4 | 55·7 | 65·3 |
| Dec. | 189·6 | 580·6 | 770·2 | 301·4 | 20·9 | 15·9 | 89·6 | 57·5 | 64·4 |
| 1943—Jan. | 192·0 | 579·2 | 771·2 | 303·5 | 21·0 | 16·4 | 90·0 | 54·8 | 64·5 |
| Feb. | 193·9 | 580·0 | 773·9 | 304·7 | 20·7 | 17·6 | 90·4 | 53·9 | 64·8 |
| Mar. | 194·9 | 579·2 | 774·1 | 307·6 | 20·7 | 17·5 | 90·2 | 53·4 | 63·1 |
| Apr. | 196·4 | 575·7 | 772·1 | 307·8 | 19·9 | 17·2 | 90·5 | 53·0 | 62·3 |
| May | 197·5 | 575·7 | 773·2 | 309·3 | 21·0 | 17·2 | 90·4 | 52·5 | 61·7 |
| June | 198·7 | 576·2 | 774·9 | 310·1 | 21·2 | 17·1 | 90·7 | 52·6 | 61·5 |
| July | 202·4 | 571·7 | 774·1 | 308·6 | 21·1 | 16·4 | 90·8 | 52·0 | 61·0 |
| Aug. | 202·4 | 573·3 | 775·7 | 309·4 | 21·1 | 16·9 | 90·9 | 51·5 | 61·8 |

(a) Estimated number of wage and salary earners in employment defined as "persons occupied as wage and salary earners" as distinct from "equivalent of full time employment." Employees absent in the defence forces, at home or abroad, and Government relief workers are excluded.

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. Numbers stated for July, 1942, and later months are subject to revision.

(c) The numbers in columns marked (c) are the total employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of employers who pay more than £20 per week in wages. Commonwealth Government employees are not included. Employees of State, semi-Government, and Local Government authorities are included in the appropriate industry column when separate returns are supplied, e.g., Railway Commissioner. These group totals are useful as indicating trend, but do not indicate the actual number of employees in the industries named.

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21. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

| Month. | Average, 1929 to 1931. | 1929. | 1930. | 1932. | 1934. | 1936. | 1938. | 1939. | 1940. | 1941. | 1942. | 1943. |
|---------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| January ... | 100 | 103 | 101 | 93 | 100 | 110 | 119 | 125 | 136 | 141 | 141 | 160 |
| February ... | 100 | 105 | 98 | 95 | 100 | 112 | 122 | 125 | 135 | 142 | 145 | 160 |
| March ... | 100 | 102 | 101 | 95 | 99 | 111 | 121 | 130 | 130 | 143 | 146 | 167 |
| April ... | 100 | 104 | 100 | 96 | 101 | 110 | 119 | 125 | 137 | 141 | 145 | 160 |
| May ... | 100 | 106 | 100 | 95 | 100 | 110 | 122 | 128 | 128 | 146 | 140 | 160* |
| June ... | 100 | 103 | 100 | 99 | 103 | 114 | 127 | 131 | 135 | 150 | 152 | 171* |
| July ... | 100 | 105 | 99 | 97 | 100 | 112 | 126 | 134 | 139 | 149 | 155 | 169* |
| August ... | 100 | 106 | 100 | 97 | 103 | 107 | 128 | 135 | 137 | 151 | 156 | 180* |
| September ... | 100 | 108 | 98 | 97 | 101 | 113 | 123 | 134 | 134 | 151 | 166 | 181 |
| October ... | 100 | 109 | 97 | 96 | 104 | 113 | 121 | 135 | 137 | 154 | 165 | ... |
| November ... | 100 | 109 | 96 | 97 | 104 | 116 | 124 | 136 | 139 | 152 | 163 | ... |
| December ... | 100 | 105 | 98 | 99 | 106 | 116 | 124 | 131 | 138 | 153 | 172 | ... |
| Year ... | 100 | 105 | 99 | 96 | 102 | 112 | 123 | 131 | 135 | 148 | 154 | ... |

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

* Revised.

22. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY—WAR PERIOD.

(Base : Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923–27 = 1,000)

| Quarter. | Food and Groceries. | Rent—4 and 5 rooms. | Clothing. | Miscellaneous Items. | Total Household Expenditure. | |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | | Index Number. | Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939. |
| 1939—September ... | 930 | 1,039 | 841 | 939 | 933 | ... |
| 1940—September ... | 945 | 1,042 | 948 | 996 | 973 | 4·3 |
| 1941—September ... | 947 | 1,043 | 1,129 | 1,062 | 1,027 | 10·1 |
| December ... | 969 | 1,044 | 1,179 | 1,072 | 1,048 | 12·3 |
| 1942—March ... | 1,005 | 1,045 | 1,211 | 1,085 | 1,070 | 14·7 |
| June ... | 1,034 | 1,043 | 1,279 | 1,089 | 1,096 | 17·5 |
| September ... | 1,061 | 1,042 | 1,337 | 1,105 | 1,122 | 20·3 |
| December ... | 1,060 | 1,042 | 1,382 | 1,140 | 1,138 | 22·0 |
| 1943—March ... | 1,050 | 1,042 | 1,408 | 1,145 | 1,141 | 22·3 |
| June ... | 1,065 | 1,042 | 1,479 | 1,162 | 1,165 | 24·9 |
| September ... | 1,039 | 1,042 | 1,463 | 1,176 | 1,154 | 23·7 |

23. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

| YEAR. | Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.* | | | | | Crown Employees. (All Districts). | | | |
|----------|---|-------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--|
| | Quarterly adjustment commencing— | | | | | | | | |
| | February. | May. | August. | November. | February. | May. | August. | November. | |
| 1939 ... | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | s. d. | |
| 1940 ... | 81 0 | 82 0 | 81 0 | 82 0 | 80 0 | 80 0 | 80 0 | 80 0 | |
| 1941 ... | 82 0 | 83 0 | 85 0 | 85 0 | 81 0 | 81 0 | 83 0 | 84 0 | |
| 1942 ... | 88 0 | 88 0 | 89 0 | 89 0 | 86 0 | 87 0 | 87 0 | 88 0 | |
| 1943 ... | 91 0 | 93 0 | 95 0 | 97 0 | 90 0 | 92 0 | 94 0 | 96 0 | |
| | 98 0 | 98 0 | 100 0 | 99 0 | 97 0 | 97 0 | 99 0 | 98 0 | |

* In all other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

24. WHOLESALE PRICE LEVELS OVERSEA.

| | Year 1939 | Year 1940 | Year 1941 | Year 1942 | 1943. | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | | | Feb. | March. | April. | May. | June. | July. | Aug. |
| Great Britain—Board of Trade (1930 = 100) | 102·8 | 136·6 | 152·6 | 159·4 | 162·1 | 162·2 | 162·8 | 163·3 | 163·1 | ... | ... |
| United States—Irving Fisher (1926 = 100)... | 80·9 | 83·6 | 93·5 | 106·4 | 110·8 | 111·7 | 112·0 | 112·3 | 111·7 | 110·8 | 110·5 |

25. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

| Period. | Silver (Standard). | Lead. per oz. | Zinc (Electrolytic). | Tin (Standard). | Gold (Fine). |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 1929 ... | 2 0·57 | 21 14 5 | 25 19 5 | 200 11 5 | 4 4 11 |
| 1938 ... | 2 0·14 | 17 12 11 | 19 12 10 | 228 11 10 | 8 17 2 |
| 1939 ... | 2 1·42 | 17 12 1 | 19 15 3 | 268 3 6 | 9 14 4 |
| 1940 ... | 2 2·95 | 18 14 6 | 22 9 11 | 292 19 8 | 10 13 1 |
| 1941 ... | 2 4·26 | 19 11 4 | 22 12 11 | 295 1 6 | 10 13 8 |
| 1942 ... | 2 4·66 | 21 9 9 | 22 2 11 | 285 9 1 | 10 9 1 |
| 1943—April | 2 4·63 | 22 3 11 | 22 0 6 | 283 1 6 | 10 9 0 |
| May | 2 4·63 | 22 1 0 | 22 0 6 | 283 1 6 | 10 9 0 |
| June | 2 4·63 | 22 1 0 | 22 0 6 | 283 1 6 | 10 9 0 |
| July | 2 4·63 | 22 3 3 | 22 0 6 | 283 1 6 | 10 9 0 |
| August | 2 4·63 | 22 1 8 | 32 19 11 | 283 1 6 | 10 9 0 |

26. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

| Month. | 23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies. | 10 Retail Companies. | 8 Public Utility Companies. | 5 Pastoral and Finance Companies. | 5 Insurance Companies. | Total* Companies 75. | 34 Active Shares included in foregoing. |
|----------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| April, 1929 | 179·3 | 183·8 | 129·4 | 174·1 | 243·5 | 174·4 | 172·6 |
| Sept., 1931 | 72·3 | 60·2 | 87·9 | 75·2 | 121·3 | 74·4 | 77·2 |
| Mar., 1937 | 213·8 | 203·8 | 181·0 | 169·2 | 281·2 | 190·4 | 200·5 |
| 1942—Sept. ... | 213·1 | 156·4 | 124·2 | 126·1 | 237·6 | 162·1 | 178·7 |
| Oct. ... | 216·4 | 158·5 | 125·9 | 127·7 | 241·8 | 164·6 | 180·7 |
| Nov. ... | 220·9 | 163·3 | 130·9 | 128·3 | 242·8 | 168·0 | 184·4 |
| Dec. ... | 227·2 | 170·6 | 132·9 | 131·8 | 249·3 | 173·1 | 191·1 |
| 1943—Jan. ... | 229·4 | 173·7 | 134·6 | 132·1 | 250·4 | 174·7 | 192·8 |
| Feb. ... | 232·3 | 179·0 | 136·5 | 133·5 | 250·6 | 177·2 | 195·2 |
| March ... | 233·8 | 180·3 | 138·1 | 133·2 | 251·1 | 178·4 | 195·6 |
| April ... | 234·1 | 179·8 | 141·2 | 133·0 | 254·1 | 179·1 | 195·8 |
| May ... | 234·4 | 178·1 | 141·3 | 132·7 | 254·1 | 179·3 | 195·8 |
| June ... | 234·7 | 177·8 | 141·3 | 132·8 | 254·1 | 179·7 | 196·2 |
| July ... | 235·4 | 181·4 | 143·2 | 133·0 | 254·1 | 181·0 | 197·6 |
| August ... | 235·7 | 189·2 | 145·2 | 133·1 | 254·1 | 182·7 | 198·9 |
| Sept. ... | 236·1 | 191·8 | 145·4 | 134·0 | 254·1 | 183·7 | 199·9 |

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index, prior to the slump, was reached in April, 1929, the lowest in September, 1931, and the highest point in March, 1937.

The population of N.S.W. at 31st March, 1943, was 2,850,988 or 39·5 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1941, 1,337,050).

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